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REMARKS - General

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed August 2, 2010. Applicants have hereby elected a crosslinking for claims 3, 5, 22, and 24 for examination without traverse.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 22, 24, and 25. Thus claims 1-28 are pending in this application.

The status of all claims and the text of all pending claims are shown above. In the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

Discussion of Inventorship

Applicants certify that the subject matter of the various claims in this patent application was commonly owned at the time any invention covered therein was made absent any evidence to the contrary.

Discussion of Claim Election/Restriction

Applicants have elected one crosslinking agent for examination without traverse.

- In claim 3, "a crosslinking agent of genipin, its analog, derivatives, and combination thereof" is elected.
- In claim 5, "a reversible crosslinking agent of polyphenolic compounds" is elected.
- In claim 22, "a crosslinking agent of genipin, its analog, derivatives, and combination thereof" is elected.
- In claim 24, "a reversible crosslinking agent of polyphenolic compounds" is elected.

Discussion of Claim amendments and related application

Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, and 25 to vary the scope of protection and to protect other features of embodiments of the invention. The amended claims are supported by the specification and drawings and no new matter has been introduced. The amended claims 1, 9, and 25 are related to U.S. patent application no. 10/811,413, now U.S. Patent No. 7,351,421. The instant application and the U.S. application no. 11/811,413 have the same inventors and the same owner (the same assignee, GP Medical, Inc.). For the instant invention, the assignment is


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recorded at U.S. Patent Office Reel no. 020257, Frame no. 0859. For U.S. application no. 11/811,413, the assignment is recorded at U.S. Patent Office Reel no. 014726, Frame no. 0867.

Conclusion and Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, they submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned (949-887-2966) such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,


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